

# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of Kiryu Daiichi High School**

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** was established on December 1, 1901, and hosts both middle and high school students through its exchange program; and

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** offers seven different majors: Academic, Information Business, Farming, Design, Life Skills, Welfare, and Early Childhood Education; and

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** has sent 320 students to Hawai'i annually since 2000; and

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** emphasizes that international education creates an environment of cultural understanding which exposes participants to new and different approaches to life; and

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** underlines that its student exchange program helps students develop an understanding of others so that they can appreciate their differences, foster dialogue, and come together to solve future problems; and

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** highlights that U.S. ambassadors consistently rank exchange programs among the most useful catalysts for long-term political change and mutual understanding; and

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** reminds us that President Barack Obama's father came to Hawai'i as an exchange student from Kenya; and

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** stresses that encouraging Student Exchange programs help to perpetuate Sister State policies, which strengthens cultural ties and goodwill between states, as well as creating tremendous economic potential;

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** recognizes that international students make a significant contribution to Hawai'i's society by diversifying and enriching communities while also enhancing Hawai'i's global networks; and

**WHEREAS, Kiryu Daiichi High School** raises awareness that international students contributed more than \$115 million to the Hawai'i economy in 2013, which generated more than 2,185 jobs, and another \$16.8 million in state tax revenues;


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2014, as

### **"KIRYU DAIICHI HIGH SCHOOL DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating Kiryu Daiichi's long tradition of perpetuating fellowship and cultural exchange, and recognizing the contributions of international students to Hawai'i's economy.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of April, 2014.

  
**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
**SHAN S. TSUTSUI**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i